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The Model Aquatics Health Code Seminar is Online. The recently released model code is far reaching and contains recommendations on many aspects of aquatic operations; from pool chemistry to lifeguarding. The seminar is available online through [Aquatic International Magazine](#). For more information go [HERE](#).

Sauna units are a common part of fitness facilities and operations. The safe operation of these units is a serious risk management consideration for the organization. National, federal, state or local guidelines/regulations should be used when developing the organization's safe operating procedures for sauna unit(s). These units are common causes of fires in facilities that can often lead to significant damage. Information on operating procedures and prevention practices are available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

The United States Lifeguard Standards Coalition has released a report on Lifeguard Standards. The American Red Cross, the United States Lifesaving Association, and the YMCA of the USA are pleased to announce the release of the United States Lifeguard Standards: An Evidence-Based Review and Report by the United States Lifeguard Standards Coalition. The three organizations intend for the recommendations in the report to have a positive influence on the training of lifeguards and the practice of lifeguarding within their own organizations and, by freely sharing this research information and results, within other lifeguard training organizations. The sponsors hope that the outcomes are found valuable and that they will contribute to an enhancement in the nation's aquatic safety. For more info go [HERE](#).

Organizations should regularly inspect facilities to help prevent fires. Safe-Wise recently published a quick audit for common practices that can help identify issues and prevent fire damage and/or loss. Organizations should work with their local fire officials to ensure sound fire prevention strategies are in place and that all regulations are met. More information is available [HERE](#).

Proper storage of flammable/combustible materials is a common issue for many organizations. A flammable/combustible is any substance that is easily ignited, burns intensely, or has a rapid rate of flame spread. For regulatory convenience, flammable and combustible liquids are defined together as any liquid with a flash point below 140° F. Guidelines for some key flammable/combustible liquid storage requirements are available in the [Online Resource Library](#).

Safety Vacuum Release System recalled by Vacless Systems. The [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) recently announced a voluntary recall of the Pool Safety Vacuum Release System by Vacless Systems. Organizations should stop using this product and contact their service vendor immediately. Read more [HERE](#).

Plan now to participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April. The national effort and help you to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. More about the about the history of the month and sample strategies for engaging communities and supporting families is available from the [US Department of Health and Human Services](#). Events and activities can be tied into regular program efforts, parent meetings and community activities over the month of April.

This Month's Topics:

Model Aquatic Code

Sauna Operations

National Lifeguard Standards

Fire Prevention

Vacuum Release Recall

Storage of Flammables

Child Abuse Prevention Month